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Letter dated 26 February 2004 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to convey the attached communication, dated 26 February 2004, from the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States (see annex). I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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Annex

Letter dated 26 February 2004 from the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States to the Secretary-General of the United Nations

The Permanent Council of the Organization of American States met this morning in Special Session, at the request of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Group of States, to consider events in Haiti and approved resolution CP/RES.862 (1401/04) entitled "Situation in Haiti". In fulfilment of the mandates contained in its operative paragraphs 1 and 3, I have enclosed a copy of the said resolution (see appendix I), as well as the request of CARICOM (CP/INF.4948/04) (see appendix II), for your information and that of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Chaser **Gaviria**
Secretary-General

Appendix I to the letter dated 26 February 2004 from the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States to the Secretary-General of the United Nations

[Original: English and Spanish]

CP/RES. 862 (1401/04)

SITUATION IN HAITI

THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES,

REAFFIRMING all previous relevant resolutions on the situation in Haiti;1/

REITERATING Permanent Council resolution CP/RES. 861 (1400/04), which, inter alia, condemns the violence in Haiti, supports the CARICOM initiative aimed at promoting a peaceful resolution of the situation, and calls upon all parties to ensure the full, safe, and unhindered access of humanitarian personnel and assistance to all civilians who need it;

RECOGNIZING the important role of the initiative of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) to help to resolve the political crisis and of the OAS Special Mission for Strengthening Democracy in Haiti;

DEEPLY CONCERNED by the deterioration of the situation in Haiti and its effects on the civilian population; and

EXPRESSING its profound regret that the opposition has not accepted the CARICOM Plan, which offers the best prospects for a peaceful resolution to the current crisis, and expressing the hope that they will reconsider,

RESOLVES:

1. To call upon the United Nations Security Council to take the necessary and appropriate urgent measures, as established in the Charter of the United Nations, to address the crisis in Haiti.

2. To reaffirm its support for the OAS Special Mission in Haiti and its activities in accordance with all relevant OAS resolutions, and, in particular, its support for the CARICOM initiative, designed to promote a solution to the situation in Haiti.

3. To request the Secretary General to remain in close contact with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and his representatives to ensure coordination and complementarity in the roles of the two organizations, in particular taking into account the activities of the OAS Special Mission in Haiti, and to report back to this Council on measures to this end.

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1. Permanent Council resolution CP/RES. 822 (1331/02), "Support for Strengthening Democracy in Haiti"; CP/RES. 806 (1303/02) corr. 1, "The Situation in Haiti"; CP/RES. 786 (1267/01), "Support for Democracy in Haiti"; and CP/RES 861 (1400/04) "Support for Public Order and Strengthening Democracy in Haiti"; and General Assembly resolutions AG/RES. 1959 (XXXIII-O/03), "Support for Strengthening Democracy in Haiti"; AG/RES. 1841 (XXXII-O/02), "The Situation in Haiti"; and AG/RES. 1831 (XXXI-O/01), "Support for Democracy in Haiti."

Appendix II to the letter dated 26 February 2004 from the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States to the Secretary-General of the United Nations

[Original: English]

CP/INF.4948/04

The Secretary of the Permanent Council of the Organization presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives and is pleased to advise that, in keeping with a request made by the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Group of States, the Chair has convened a special meeting of the Council to be held on Thursday, February 26, 2004, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall of the Americas.